

# Living Water Fellowship

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## 'Tis The Season A message from Pastor Doug Dragan

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Wow! As we close out another year I'm reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1 which says, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." (NKJV) With the holiday season upon us, as a Christian, we know the reason for the season. The creator of the universe came to earth in the form of His Son. He was conceived of a virgin by the Holy Spirit to save mankind from our sins. Jesus' purpose was the redemption and reconciliation of every man, woman and child that ever lived or will ever live.

At this time of year people's hearts are softened to the gospel message. The spirit of forgiveness and giving grow. It's a great time to share and show God's love in many different and creative ways. It's a time to tell family and friends how much you love them and care for them. It's a season where God's love is projected to the forefront of many people's lives. It's a great time to tell God how much you love and appreciate Him and all He's done for you this past year. So I take this time to personally say, "Thank you, Lord!" Thank you for a family that loves me, cares for me, and helps me. Also, thank you church family at LWF. God has assembled a wonderful group of people who have a heart for God and a heart for the lost. You rock! Thank you to our faithful partners in ministry who pray, encourage and support LWF. Finally, thank you Heavenly Father for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, over 2,000 years ago to die for my sins. I am blessed to be able to be called a servant of God! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Church News

Pastor Doug and Pastor Gary spent a week in Bolivia in August. A great time of prayer and fellowship culminated in the installation of a new pastor at our church plant in Comarapa, Bolivia (Eglesia Agua de Viva). Pastor Julian Coronel has already made a great impact on the town, the church, and the soup kitchen project, Hands of Love.

A partnership was set up with Pastora Techí and the Assembly of God in Santa Cruz. She is providing oversight as well as encouragement for Pastor Julian. Their church will be sending teams to Comarapa to help evangelize the town. Finally, Pastor Julian has moved the church services to the soup kitchen which has allowed greater flexibility in ministering to over the one hundred children that attend.



*Pastor Doug, Pastor Gary & Pastora Techí pray over Pastor Julian at his installation service.*

## Ministry Updates

**JULY:** LWF's annual "Totally Free Carwash" – We were blessed to wash a couple dozen cars and one VERY large milk truck. (The milkman gave us free milk).

Mission emphasis Sunday occurred in July. Pastor Doug and Pastor Gary Locy shared the vision of missions and the ongoing work in Bolivia. Pastor Gary challenged the church to reach out to those who society has cast aside.

We baptized six people at West Hills Community Church - three members of the same family!

Several youth attended the NWD camp at Rock Creek Christian Camp in Ohio. One of the them was filled with the Holy Spirit and they all came back on fire for God.

Closing out the month, Jacob Pacella preached a challenging message to over fifty youth.

**AUGUST:** RAPIDS Youth Ministry hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> youth service. Chris Warsawski, a Malone College youth ministry major, spoke Sunday morning to the entire congregation and Sunday evening to the teens.

**SEPTEMBER:** LWF had its annual church picnic at Hopewell Park. Fun, food and fellowship were the menu for the day.

We started a new Bible Study called Irresistible Evangelism. It was about building relationships with people before and in the midst of sharing and showing God's love.

We also did a clothing drive for the Salvation Army and No Walls Ministries which is a ministry to the homeless of Pittsburgh. LWF ended the month with our first Prayer and Praise night.

**OCTOBER:** We took a team of volunteers to the streets of Pittsburgh in partnership with No Walls Ministries and Pastor Charlie Brownawell. A separate group of volunteers also ministered at a service held by No Walls Ministries at their Saturday afternoon service.

**NOVEMBER:** Hunt For Bread November – LWF church family blessed seven families in need with a nice basket of food including a turkey and pumpkin pie so they could have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving meal.

A second trip to the streets of Pittsburgh with No Walls Ministries was attended by several of our faithful church family to minister again to the homeless.

**DECEMBER:** Our servant evangelism outreach was Christmas caroling in the local neighborhoods.

Besides all these things, at least six more people accepted Christ in the last six months, several more have rededicated their lives to Him and countless more received miracles in their bodies, finances, and relationships.

One example of this was Judith Coradi. On two separate occasions the Lord gave Pastor Doug a word of knowledge which Judith came forward to receive. The first was for a severely painful neck condition. After receiving prayer, God healed her! The second time the word was about vertigo. She came forward again and was healed instantly! Praise God for His mercy!

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Thursday Night Bible Studies</b>	beginning Jan 15
<b>Couples Night Out</b>	Feb 14
<b>Winter VBS</b>	every Saturday in March

*Come join us!*

## We currently meet at Grace Church.

1192 Broadhead Road  
 Crescent Twp, PA 15046  
 Sunday mornings 9:00 AM coffee & fellowship - 9:30 AM service



